for inclusion of their names in the D.A.V.P. media list. Out of these, 56 newspapers/periodicals were included in the said JJ st. 15 newspapers/ periodicals did not fulfil the criteria laid down in the Advertising Policy. The cases of remaining 36 news-papers/periodicals could not be finalised for want of complete media particulars/other relevant information from the publishers concerned. However, advertisements were issued to 387 Urdu newspapers/periodicals during 1984-85 and to 334 during 1985-86 (upto December, 1985).

**Cotton production**

404. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target and actual production of cotton during 1985-86; end

(b) to what extent it is comparable to the production of cotton during the years 1984-85 and 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The targe.; fixed for production of cotton (lint) during 1985-86 was 86.0 lakh bales. Final estimates of production for 1985-86 have not been received from all the States. However, on the basis of preliminary reports received it is anticipated that the target will be achieved in full.

(b) The production of cotton (lint) during 1984-85 and 1983-84 was 84.65 lakh bales and 63.87 lakh bales respectively.

**U.S. participation in cdibie oil projects**

405. SHRI CHITTA BASU :

SHRl RAMKRISHNA MAZUM-DER :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether a U.S. business delegation which recently visited India has offered U.S. particpation in India's edible oil projects;

(b) whether any specific steps hav© been taken in this regard; and *

(c) if so, what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A former U.S. Senator Charles H. Percy, who is a President of a Privat© Company namely Chales Percy and Associates Inc. of U.S.A. has made a proposal regarding the project on an oil bearing halophyte (Salt-tolerant plant) and its potential use in India through Indian Embassy in USA. This Project proposal was also discussed by Mr. Charles Percy with the Union Minister for Agriculture, who visited India recently.

In order to examine the proposal to explore the possibility of taking up this project under Indian conditions the Company is io provide us more deails alongwith the results of the prototype projects taken up by I lism in Mexico and Sharjah.

**Demnd for Steel**

406. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is ihe estimated demand for steel during 1986-87;

(b) what are the targets of production of steel during 1986-87,

(c) what are the present unsold stocks of steel with the Steel Authority of India Limited; and

(d) what are the reasons for gap in demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL. AND MINES (SHRI K. C PANT) : (a) and (b) The Joint Plant Committee of

main producers of iron and &:eel has assessed that the likely availability, of finished steel during 1986-87 will be about 11.13 million tonnes comprising of 6.05 million tonnes (approx.) from SAIL, 0.90 million tonnes from TISCO and 4.10 million tonnes from secondary producers against the estimated demand of 11.61 million tonnes.

(c) SAIL including IISCO held stocks of about 0.66 million tonnes (provisional) of saleable steel at their plants and homesales stockyards as on 1-4-1986.

(d) The main reasons for the gap in demand and indigenous availability are :

(i) the demand exceeds the indigenous production capacity in certain caiegoreis/specifications

(ii) production of certain sections/quality is net taken up on techno-economic consideration;

(iii) sometimes, demand is for some special types of steel in certain specifications which are yet to be developed indigenously.

**Periodcial verification of antecedents and property of Delhi Development Authority Officials**

407. SHRl B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of widespread allegations of corruption and mal practices against the Delhi Develop ment Authority officials, there is any proposal under Government's consi deration to verify periodically the antecedents and movable and immov able property acquired by the Delhi Develometi* Authority officials to check corruption in the DDA; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Eve:y employee of the Authority has to intimate transacliou of movable/immovable property acquired by him as per conduct rules in force. The intima.ions so received are got accepted Dy the Competent Authority. In case of any doubt, the matter is reported by the DDA to its Vigilance Department for necessary enquiry/investigation.

**Setting up of Boards for All India Radio and Doordarshan**

408. SHRI M. KADHARSHA ; SHRl R. MOHANARAGAM: SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pieased to sta *ie*:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute separate Boards for All India Radio and Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, wha: are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) Does not arise

**Import of Fishing Trawlers**

409. SHRl M. KADHARSHA : SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY, JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to stats:

(a) whether Government proposa to import fishing trawlers in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof together with the names of countries from where imports are likely to be made;